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The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer: Eternal God, we give You thanks for giving us another day.

We come to the end of a week during which some Members of this people's House have come to complete their service in the Congress, and others have come to prepare for their opportunity to serve this great Nation. It is a time of tremendous transition, a time fraught with trepidation and some uncertainty.

Send Your spirit of peace and calm, that all might have confidence in Your faithfulness to us, and that no matter what lies ahead, Your grace is abundantly available.

Now we approach a week during which all Americans will gather to remember who we are: a Nation generously blessed by not only You, our God, but by courageous ancestors, faithful allies, and the best good wishes of people everywhere who long for freedom, who would glory in the difficult work of participative government, and who do not enjoy the bounty we are privileged to possess.

Bless the Members of this assembly, and us all, that we would be worthy of the call we have been given as Americans. Help us all to be truly thankful and appropriately generous in our response.

May all that is done this day be for Your greater honor and glory.
Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from California (Mr. MCNERNEY) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. MCNERNEY led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain up to five 1-minute requests on each side of the aisle.

THE AMERICAN PEOPLE DESERVE ANSWERS REGARDING BENGHAZI

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, members of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, led by Chairwoman ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN, heard testimony regarding the terrorist attack on our United States consulate in Benghazi, Libya. This resulted in the death of four American heroes. Sadly, no substantial information was revealed.

The American people have legitimate questions and deserve answers as to what happened on the evening of September 11, 2012. Why did the administration not make an immediate response in the area of the consulate as requested during the 6-hour attack? Why did the administration place blame on a video rather than reveal that it was an organized terrorist attack? Why has the administration failed to provide answers to valid questions after 2 months of inquiry, as requested by House Armed Services Committee Chairman BUCK MCKEON?

It's my hope that the appropriate officials of this administration will ap-

pear before Congress and provide answers the American people deserve.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September 11th in the global war on terrorism.

HONORING OUR VETERANS

(Mr. CICILLINE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CICILLINE. Madam Speaker, earlier this week, our Nation observed Veterans Day. As we honor all the brave men and women who have worn the uniform of the United States Armed Forces, we're especially mindful of all those who have laid down their lives in defense of our freedoms. In just the past year, Rhode Island families were forced to say goodbye to two loved ones taken from us while serving our country in Afghanistan. Sergeant Dennis Weichel and Lance Corporal Abraham Tarwoe are American heroes who made the ultimate sacrifice for a country they loved.

So now it falls to those of us privileged to serve in this Chamber to keep the commitments and promises that have been made to our veterans. For all the bravery and dedication that they have shown us, our veterans deserve to know that they will be able to support their families, send their children to college, and retire with economic security. As we continue discussing ways to reduce the size of our Federal deficit, it is absolutely critical that we maintain programs important to veterans and their families.

ISRAEL UNDER ATTACK—AGAIN

(Mr. POE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. POE of Texas. Madam Speaker, sirens wailed the warning as over 300 rockets from Hamas in Gaza rained down on Israel this week. Israelis were

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